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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box PCT
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing
Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 In the United States
Designated/Elected Office dated 30 December 1997, please
find enclosed the following:

1. A copy of the Notification.
2. A declaration of the inventor in compliance with
37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), and identifying the application
by the International application number and international
filing date.
3. A check for \$130.00 to cover the surcharge of 37
CFR 1.492(e).

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4. A copy of applicant's previously submitted IDS form 1449.

5. A Preliminary Amendment.

6. An Election Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 and 3.73 and Power of Attorney.

7. An Assignment and Recordation Form Cover Sheet.

8. A check for \$40.00 to cover the assignment recording fee.

Please deduct any deficiency in the surcharge of 37 CFR 1.492(e), and any other fee necessary for completion of the requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371, from Arnold, White & Durkee Deposit Account No. 01-2508, Order No. NRWB:003.

Regarding the items listed in the Notification as submitted, applicant submitted an IDS form 1449 and copies of the references cited therein. A copy of this form 1449 is enclosed. If the references cited therein are missing from the Patent and Trademark Office file, please telephone the undersigned, and the undersigned will submit replacement copies.

The Notification acknowledges receipt of a Preliminary Amendment filed 21 October 1996, but indicates that it was not entered, and suggests that a multiple dependent claim fee was being assessed. In a telephone

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conference on January 10, 1997 with the undersigned, Examiner Shelby Vigil said that the Preliminary Amendment filed 21 October 1996 would not be entered, but a Preliminary Amendment would be entered if new claims began with claim number 8. Therefore, enclosed is a new Preliminary Amendment to be entered in lieu of the Preliminary Amendment filed on 21 October 1996. The new claims in this new Preliminary Amendment are similar to the claims in applicant's Preliminary Amendment filed on 21 October 1996, except the new claims in the new Preliminary Amendment are numbered 8 to 19. This new Preliminary Amendment cancels the multiple dependent claims, so that applicant believes that no additional claim fee is required.

Signed at Houston in the County of Harris, and State of Texas, this 14th day of January, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE, and the documents listed above as enclosed, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box PCT, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this 14th day of January, 1997.

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Date of Signature